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Clinical Consultation for Suspected or Confirmed Congenital Syphilis

Providers within the County of San Luis Obispo caring for infants exposed to syphilis during pregnancy may refer to the following resources when seeking clinical consultation and/or hospital referral. Pediatric infectious disease specialists have made themselves available for this purpose at Valley Children’s Hospital in Madera County and Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno County. When reaching out for clinical consultation to address suspected or confirmed congenital syphilis, please follow the steps described here.

1. **Call the hospital and request to speak to the pediatric infectious disease (ID) specialist on call.** Inform them over the phone of the reason for referral. See contact information below for Valley Children’s Hospital and Community Regional Medical Center.
2. **Send a secure HIPAA compliant email to the hospital’s pediatric ID specialist(s)** with referral information, including maternal syphilis treatment history if known. If referring to Valley Children’s Hospital, please include all physicians listed below on the email.
3. **Coordinate with hospital pediatric ID specialist** to establish a plan for being informed about the referral outcome and to coordinate additional care, as needed.

Clinical Consultation from Regional Hospital-Based Specialists

If you are a pediatrician seeking clinical consultation on evaluation and management of congenital syphilis from one of the regional hospitals listed below, call the hospital’s main phone line below and request to speak with the pediatric ID specialist on call.

Valley Children’s Hospital (VCH)	
Phone: 559-353-5437 (Valley Children’s Access Center)	
Name	Email
Dr. Nael Mhaissen	MMhaissen@valleychildrens.org
Dr. Fouzia Naeem	FNaem@valleychildrens.org
Dr. Vini Vijayan	VVijayan@valleychildrens.org
Dr. Daniele Gusland	DGusland@valleychildrens.org

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Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC)	
Phone: 559-325-5656 (Clinic) 248-376-0812 (Cell) 559-459-BEAR (Referral)	
Name	Email
Dr. Chai Rongkavilit	chokechai.rongkavilit@ucsf.edu

Additional Clinical Consultation Resources

Clinical consultation for congenital syphilis and other STDs may also be accessed through:

- [STD Clinical Consultation Network](https://www.stdccn.org/) (URL: <https://www.stdccn.org/>)
- The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department at (805)781-5500.